[Translation]

New Branch Post offices and Sub Post Offices in U.P.

3868. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new post offices and Sub Post offices were decided to be opened in Bareilly and Badaun districts of Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91; and

(b) if so, the places where those Post Offices have started functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is furnished in the enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

New branch post offices and Sub Post offices decided to be opened in Bareilly and Badaun district of U.P. during 1990-91

Sl.No	NAME OF THE POST OFFICE		District
1.	Himatpur	Branch post Office	Berielly
2.	Narharpur Gaurikhera	"	"
3.	Bhura Bahadurpur	"	"
4.	Haroliya	"	"
5.	Kaimua	"	"
6.	Simaria	"	"
7.	Hurhuri	"	"
8.	Tanda	"	"
9.	Kunwarpurbanjaria	"	"
10.	Rakhas	"	"
11.	Narkhera	"	"
12.	Jijonda	"	Badaun
13.	Marauri	"	"
14.	Karoti	"	"
15.	Gangoli	"	"
16.	Deorijeet	"	"
17.	Ikhkhera	"	"
18.	Meoly	"	"
19.	Tara Pahakpur	"	"
20.	Rajender Nagar	Sub Post Office	Bareilly

All the above post offices have started functioning, except Rajender Nagar Sub Post Office.

[English]

Restoration of Sorting Sections in R.M.S.

3869. SHRIMATI SUSHEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Communications appointed in July 1987 on the restoration of sorting sections in R.M.S. has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of its recommendations; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Summary of recommendations of the sub-committeee are given in the attached Statement.

(c) The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

STATEMENT

Summary of Recommendations

Sl. No. Nature of Recommendations

01. More transit sections connecting major Rail routes should be introduced.

02. Some sorting section on crucial lines wherever advantageous should be resorted

03. Close coordination between the Department of Posts and Ministry of Railways for providing stable & satisfactory mail services should be maintained.

04. The role of RMS should be fully recognised and a flexible & realistic stand in regard to questions relating to sorting & transmission of mails should be followed.

05. There is a need for placing the mail monitoring organisation in a stronger position and to learn from the causes which led to the abolition of old RDMs Scheme.

06. An effective machinery for systematic & periodical review and revision of mail arrangements in the field offices should be evolved.

07. There is a need for thorough, scientific reassessment of the entire system of collection and analysis of statistics to make them more rational and realistic.

08. There is a need to upgrade the post of DDG (MO) and to place the entire RMS work in the country under him combining all internal/international mail services including Speed Post.

09. There is a strong case to establish at least one separate RMS Division in each Postal Circle like Himachal and particulary RMS Units need to be placed under the control of the same circle

10. It is necessary to establish at the National Level a Hill area Mail Monitoring Organisation to pay attention to the Special features governing mail movement in such areas.

11. There is a need to re-examine thoroughly the District Pattern of Sorting keeping in view the natural geographical and communication links and more importantly delivery benefits.

12. Annual meeting by the Hon'ble Minister (C) with Chief Ministers or his moninees handling Transport & Minister of Railways, Minister for Surface Transport and Minister for Civil Aviation for proper coordination should be organised

13. State Level Councils at field levels with the Transport Agencies like Airlines and Surface Transport/State Govts. should be convened.

14. The Question of evolving a system in which the PIN Code is integrated with the addressing system of mails, should be studied. It may be considered if the PIN Code can be loaded with additional date for easy recognition of delivery beats.

15. It is necessary to re-examine the principles underlying the PIN Code system to fit in with the pattern of Sorting adopted by the Deptt.

16. There is a need to have different colours of envelopes for I & II Class Mails.

17. A further study is needed to evolve a programme of linking National Capital with the Distt. HQ of the country to provide National Mails Grid.

18. There is a need to change the present pattern of exchange of mail bags to have better linkages.

19. There is a need to restore Sorting sections where the DAK system has suffered and where there is an element of delay due to revised system and where the mails depend only on Mail/ Road services.

20. There is a justification for the restoration of previous direct bags which were suspended after new pattern was adopted Head Offices of neighbouring Distt. but in different States should have direct bags, in view of common community of interests.

21. There is a need for better staff amentities.

Import of Iron and Steel Products under OGL

3870. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to allow the import of all prime iron and steel products under the Open General Licence (OGL); and

(b) of so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Indian Prisoners of War in Pakistan Jails

3871. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian Prisoners of War (POWs) who have died in Pakistan jails during the last three years;

(b) the total number of such P.O.Ws still in Pakistan Jails;

(c) the efforts made by the Union Government for their early release; and

(d) the number of P.O.Ws exchanged between India and Pakistan during the last three years?